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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 170
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A RESOLUTION To recognize and honor Megan McGarry upon
her receipt of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

WHEREAS, At a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Megan McGarry, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has earned the highest award a Girl Scout can attain, the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McGarry will be honored and presented her award at a Gold Award Ceremony held on April 22, 2001, at the Maryville First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scout Gold Award recognizes young ladies who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to their communities and an outstanding dedication to achievement; and

WHEREAS, To receive the award, a Senior Girl Scout must earn four interest patches, the Senior Girl Scout pin, the Exploration pin, and the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, which requires a minimum of 30 hours of service involving leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these seven recognitions, she must plan and carry out a Girl Scout Gold Award project which requires at least 50 hours of service; and

WHEREAS, Gold Award recipients are eligible for special college scholarships, are officially recognized by the United States government, and have preferred status when applying for jobs with many prospective employers; and

WHEREAS, For her Gold Award project, Megan raised awareness of music education options for students in the Greater Knoxville area through presentations given in area schools, brochures which were distributed to parents and students, and an article which was published in the Holiday Issue of "Raising Knoxville's Kids," a regional magazine aimed at parents in Knox, Blount, and Anderson Counties; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Michael McGarry and Barbara Tischler, Megan McGarry is a Senior at Maryville High School where she has distinguished herself as an athlete and a scholar; and

WHEREAS, She has been named to the National Honor Society, recognized as a Maryville Scholar, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and has lettered in cross-country running; and

WHEREAS, A talented and accomplished cellist, Megan has appeared in the All-East and All-State Orchestras for three consecutive years, participated in the Knoxville Youth Symphony and the Maryville High School Orchestra for four years, and the MHS Chamber Orchestra for three years; and

WHEREAS, Megan McGarry was named among the top ten string players in Tennessee in 1999; she has attended numerous musical festivals including the Tennessee Governor's

School for the Arts and the Sewanee Summer Music Camp, and is an invited musician for this year's Hot Springs Music Festival at Hot Springs National Park; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McGarry is an active and devout member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, and has faithfully served as a Church Youth Leader both at the local and regional level for two years; and

WHEREAS, Involved in her community, Megan has participated in numerous service projects with her Girl Scout Troop, and has volunteered at Blount Memorial Hospital and Horn's Creek Mission; and

WHEREAS, She has been selected as a participant in an international Girl Scout Wider Opportunity at Our Cabaña in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and has earned the "I Live My Faith" award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her meritorious service with the Girl Scouts of America, Megan McGarry has honored the Girl Scout Promise, serving God and her country and courageously living the Girl Scout Law; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McGarry's Gold Award Project greatly contributed to the betterment of her community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Megan as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor Megan McGarry for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, commend her meritorious service on behalf of music education, and extend to her our heartfelt best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.